



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Himmelsbach, F. et al ) Art Unit: 1624  
Serial No. : 10/016,280 ) Examiner: Patel, S.  
Confirmation No. : 7351  
Filed : December 10, 2001  
For : Bicyclic heterocycles, pharmaceutical compositions  
containing these compounds, their use and processes  
for preparing them  
Docket No. : 5/1262

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2003, please consider the remarks and enter the amendments below. Submitted herewith is: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months up to and including January 8, 2004, together with the necessary fee; (b) a copy of the Declaration for Utility or Design Application, in three counterparts; and (c) a new Application Data Sheet.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.